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REVIVAL OF NTC MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Textile Corporation mills functioning in various sectors in the country separately, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number out of them lying closed during each of the last five years, sector, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether a large number of the workers have been rendered jobless as a result thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to revive/re-open the closed mills and rehabilitate the workers who have lost their jobs;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise; and (g) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): National Textile Corporation (NTC) has 117 mills after transfer of 2 mills to the Government of Pondicherry. Out of these, 40 NTC mills are presently functioning in different states. Details are at Annexure-I. 67 mills have been closed after approval of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under ID Act since the year 2002. Details are at Annexure-II. Balance 10 mills are having no production activity as most of the workers have opted for Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS).

(c) & (d): The Revival Scheme being implemented by NTC provides for an attractive compensation to the employees affected by the closure of unviable mills under MVRS. Till date, 58100 employees have been paid a sum of Rs 2065.66 crores under the scheme. State and Union-Territory -wise details of employees who availed MVRS are at Annexure-III. Besides, Department of Public Enterprises has formulated a Scheme for counselling, retraining and redeployment (CRR) of employees of Public Sector and NTC employees are exposed to such CRR programmes.

(e) & (f): The mills have been closed after approval by BIFR which is based on Techno Economic Viability Studies (TEVS) done by Textile Research Associations (TRAs). The Scheme envisages revival of viable mills from the funds generated from the sale of total assets of closed mills and surplus assets of viable mills. There is no proposal to revive/re-open the closed mills. NTC has released payment of MVRS to willing employees.

(g): No funds have been allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan period.